

What is claimed is

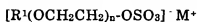
1. A cosmetic composition which comprises the following ingredients:

(A) one or more types of surfactant selected from the group consisting of a surfactant which has an oxyethylene group in the molecule;

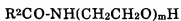
(B) tert-butanol.

2. The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of the surfactant having an oxyethylene group in the molecule is 1 to 20 weight % based on the total weight of the composition.

3. The cosmetic composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the surfactant having an oxyethylene group in the molecule is one or more types of surfactants selected from the group consisting of a surfactant represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 21 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkenyl group having 7 to 21 carbon atoms, n represents an integer of 1 to 30, and M represents Na, K, NH<sub>4</sub>, or triethanolamine;  
a surfactant represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein R<sup>2</sup> represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 21 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkenyl group having 7 to 21 carbon atoms, and m represents an integer of 1 to 10;

a surfactant represented by the following general formula (3):



wherein R<sup>3</sup> represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 21 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkenyl group having 7 to 21 carbon atoms.

4. The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of tert-butanol is 0.01 to 1,000 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

5. A method for suppressing smell change or odor generation with passage of time in a cosmetic comprising a surfactant having an oxyethylene group in the molecule, which comprises a step of adding tert-butanol to said cosmetic.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein tert-butanol is added in a ratio of 0.01 to 1,000 ppm based on the total weight of the cosmetic composition.

7. A suppressant of smell change or odor generation with passage of time in a cosmetic comprising a surfactant having an oxyethylene group in the molecule, which comprises tert-butanol.